

Response to Questions on the FY 2017 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Herrity

Question: Please provide an update on athletic fees compared to other surrounding jurisdictions.

Response: Fairfax County's Athletic Fee is currently the lowest in the region. Even with the proposed FY 2017 increase, the fee would remain in line with other jurisdictions. This increase would apply to rectangular field users only (per participant, per season).

Jurisdiction	Application Fee
Prince William	\$24.00 youth/\$38 adults
Loudoun	\$12.50
Arlington	\$8.00
City of Alexandria	\$12.00
Fairfax County	\$5.50 Current/\$9.50 County Executive Proposed/ \$8.00 Athletic Council Proposed

About 4 percent of all athletic fee revenues are generated through tournament team fees. The County Executive's FY 2017 budget includes a proposal to increase tournament fees for rectangular field users only from \$15 to \$25 per team per tournament, which is in line with the current percentage. The Athletic Council proposal is to increase the tournament fees for rectangular field users from \$15 to \$50 per team, per tournament. It is difficult to compare jurisdictional fees for tournaments as some charge per field, some charge per hour, and none provide anywhere near the amount of turf field access that Fairfax is able to provide. Turf field access for tournaments is paramount as it guarantees play in the event of inclement weather.